## II. Remarks

## A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-8 will be pending after entry of this amendment. Claims 11-20 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 9-10 and 21-36 were previously canceled. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment.

# B. Final Office Action Rejection; Advisory Action

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-8 were allowed. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner again indicated that claims 1-8 were allowed, and maintained the rejections of claims 11-20 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, 35 USC §112, second paragraph, and §102(b).

Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled the rejected claims (i.e. claims 11-20), and maintained the allowed claims, rendering the rejections moot. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuation application.

# III. Conclusion

In view of the amendments made, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued prior to the 6 month deadline of January 21, 2009. If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (973) 422-6532. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at lschroeder@lowenstein.com. All correspondence should be directed to the address listed below.

## **AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Direct Account 50-1358.

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